

I would also like to pay tribute to a colleague and friend who played an integral part in the *Loving v. Virginia* case. I had the honor of serving with Attorney Bernard S. Cohen in the Virginia House of Delegates for 3 years. As Mr. and Mrs. Loving's attorney, Mr. Cohen worked tirelessly for the protection of the Fourteenth Amendment, and I think it is appropriate to recognize him for all of his efforts and his commitment to civil rights.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in remembering this historic case, and urge our nation to keep in mind the equality and freedom for which the Court's decision stands.

**RECOGNIZING LOUISE BOTZEK FOR
EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE AT
THE ST. CLOUD VA MEDICAL
CENTER**

HON. MICHELE BACHMANN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor one of my constituents, a true community servant, Ms. Louise Botzek.

Ms. Botzek has volunteered at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center for over 30 years, totaling more than 5,000 hours of service. As a wife and sister of men who served in our Nation's armed forces, Ms. Botzek has made it a priority to give her time to those who have fought to protect our Nation's freedom.

While at the VA Medical Center, Ms. Botzek plays card games with the patients and transports them to medical appointments and chapel services. Her dedication to service has made a difference in the lives of many treated at the Center. A simple task like taking someone outside to enjoy the weather makes a world of difference to these veterans.

Our Nation's heroes sacrificed their comforts and safety so that Americans can enjoy their continued freedoms. For their great efforts, veterans deserve much from the American people. It's efforts like those of Ms. Botzek that truly show our appreciation for these heroes.

Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize and congratulate Ms. Louise Botzek for her exemplary service to our Nation's heroes. The time that she has sacrificed to serve the military men and women of our great state of Minnesota will not be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I was not present on June 4, 2008. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on the following rollcall votes: rollcall 370, rollcall 371, rollcall 372, rollcall 373, rollcall 374, rollcall 375, rollcall 376, and rollcall 377.

I would have voted "nay" on the following: rollcall 378 and rollcall 379.

HONORING EVAN MILLER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. RADANOVICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and express my pride in former staffer Evan Miller upon her graduation, magna cum laude, from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond.

Ms. Miller grew up in Sanger, California, and graduated from Sanger High School in 1998. She attended University of California, San Diego, and, upon graduation in 2002, worked closely with constituents in my Fresno district office from July through December 2002. Ms. Miller then moved to Washington, DC, and served as staff assistant, administrative assistant, and legislative assistant, and left to attend law school at the University of Richmond in 2005.

Ms. Miller contributed to the office through her legislative work in the areas of health care, transportation, appropriations, education, and judiciary issues. In addition to legislative responsibilities, Ms. Miller was active in the California State Society and was crowned the Cherry Blossom Princess for the 19th district of California in the annual Cherry Blossom Festival competition.

Ms. Miller was an extremely active member of her law school class and received many accolades and honors due to her diligence, intellect, and enthusiasm. She was the editor-in-chief of the University of Richmond Law Review, and a member of the Honor Council, McNeill Law Society, and Christian Legal Fellowship. In addition, she served as the University of Richmond Federalist Society Vice President. Another significant accomplishment by Ms. Miller included being one of two winners in the 2006 Carrico Moot Court Competition.

At her May 2008 graduation, Ms. Miller received the Charles T. Norman Award, given to the best all-around graduating student. Additionally, she was awarded the T.C. Williams Law School Scholarship Award, which is given to the student who made the most significant contribution to overall legal scholarship.

Ms. Miller received a competitive and prestigious position to clerk for Judge James R. Spencer, Chief Judge of the Eastern District of Virginia in Richmond. She will begin the one-year clerkship beginning in August 2008.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Evan Miller on her graduation from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing Ms. Miller success in her future endeavors. I am certain that her judicial career will allow her to continue the significant achievements she has worked toward for public policy in my office as well as in her own legal work thus far. I truly believe Ms. Miller's character, work ethic, and values will recommend her for positions of influence for the rest of her life.

THE DAILY 45: SAM'S CLUB

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, the Department of Justice tells us that, everyday, 45 people, on average, are fatally shot in the United States. And while I normally highlight a death related to guns, I thought this next incident was worth mentioning.

In Columbia, South Carolina, a 4-year-old girl, while at a Sam's Club, took a gun from her grandmother's purse and shot herself in the chest. The grandmother has a valid permit to carry a concealed weapon. She was not charged with a crime. The child underwent emergency surgery and apparently, thankfully, will survive.

Americans of conscience must come together to stop the senseless death of "The Daily 45" and the dozens more unnecessary accidents and injuries related to guns. When will we say "enough is enough, stop the killing!"

**RECOGNIZING THE TENTH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE ADA JOBS
FOUNDATION OF ADA, OKLA-
HOMA**

HON. TOM COLE

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 12, 2008

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, it is my privilege today to rise in recognition of an organization that has done tremendous work in helping bring jobs and prosperity to central Oklahoma. The Ada Jobs Foundation is celebrating ten years of fostering economic and career development in the Ada area. Working closely with local and state and tribal government, the Ada Jobs Foundation has helped make Ada's unemployment rate among the state's lowest.

Focusing on three main goals, the Ada Jobs Foundation strives to assist businesses in retaining their existing jobs, recruiting new firms to relocate to Ada, and encouraging and supporting new start-up firms. It has a very impressive and successful track record of working closely with the Ada Area Chamber of Commerce, the Ada Industrial Development Corporation, the city of Ada, the Ponotoc County Commissioners, East Central University, the Science and Natural Resources Foundation, and the Chickasaw Nation.

Madam Speaker, this non-profit organization seeks to reach out and build lasting connections between hard-working Oklahomans and the communities in which they live. This mutually beneficial relationship is a testament to the positive changes that can occur when business and government work together for the economic wellbeing of their community. With over 19,000 people currently employed in the Ada area, it currently has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the state of Oklahoma. I am proud to represent the city of Ada, and I am especially proud of the initiative taken by Ada's civic leaders to create and continue a program as successful as the Ada Jobs Foundation. Creating a diverse pool of